

COMMITTEE REPORT

MADAM PRESIDENT:

The Senate Committee on Health and Provider Services, to which was referred House Bill No. 1678, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

- 1 Delete the title and insert the following:
- 2 A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning health.
- 3 Page 1, delete lines 1 through 12, begin a new paragraph and insert:
- 4 "SECTION 1. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007] (a) The health finance
- 5 commission established by IC 2-5-23-3 shall study the following
- 6 during the 2007 interim of the general assembly:
- 7 (1) Whether the acute care hospital in Gary, Indiana, should
- 8 be converted from a private corporation to a county hospital,
- 9 a municipal hospital, or other governmental hospital. In
- 10 considering whether a conversion should occur, the
- 11 commission shall consider the following:
- 12 (A) Whether the conversion would result in better quality
- 13 care that would be sufficient to meet the needs of the
- 14 community.
- 15 (B) Whether the hospital's finances would be improved.
- 16 (C) The legal requirements to convert the hospital.
- 17 (2) Ways in which the state and other entities can encourage
- 18 physicians to practice in rural and county hospitals.
- 19 (3) The manner in which a not-for-profit hospital can be
- 20 converted into a county or municipal hospital.
- 21 (4) Federal guidelines concerning county hospitals and

- 1 **intergovernmental transfers.**
- 2 **(b) This SECTION expires December 31, 2007."**
 (Reference is to HB 1678 as reprinted February 7, 2007.)

and when so amended that said bill do pass .

Committee Vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0.

Senator Miller, Chairperson